

Assistant Director for Operations

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Acting Chief, [] FOIAB3B1

Progress Report for April 1955

OPERATIONS

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1. [] wire service to the office of the DD/I in the new Administration building commenced on 18 April. The wire carries only selected items of major importance which are suitable for the personal attention of the DD/I and the DCI. [] wire editors maintain frequent contact with the Assistant to the DD/I (Intelligence) for guidance in selection of material to be transmitted. The latter has expressed approval of the service on several occasions.

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2. Steps have been taken to maximize [] coverage of Indo China in accordance with the DD/I's instructions. The cruising monitor, [] is scheduled to arrive in [] 10 May on temporary duty to conduct thorough cruising of local broadcasts and train additional native help, and the [] has been directed to develop maximum coverage without delay. [] facilities and personnel were unaffected by the recent disturbances in []. The recent [] move from a street-level office in the USIA building to an upper floor of the former Embassy building proved beneficial from the point of view of security, power source, antennae space and communications. Improved reception permitted direct monitoring of a number of clandestine and dissident transmitters which appeared in the air in [] during April.

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3. The Radio Propaganda Branch issued 14 special studies during April, nine of them in response to specific requests and three others contributory to National Intelligence Estimates. On two occasions [] sent advance copies of reports to OCI for use in preparing the DCI's weekly NEC briefing. The subjects treated most substantially in the April Radio Propaganda Reports were policy issues in the Malenkov-Khrushchev struggle, the treatment of atomic subjects in Chinese Communist broadcasts, and world reaction to the Bandung Conference.

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4. RCM/OIS was furnished [] requirements for information on Soviet bloc propaganda operations in connection with its propaganda analysis, and for intelligence concerning the structure and operations of the Communist propaganda machine, particularly with respect to press and radio.

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7. [] FOIAB3B1 experimental monitoring of AP and UF Moscow circuits has to date produced virtually negative results. The activity is being continued on the basis of additional frequency information which was recently acquired, however.

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10. Thorough coverage, special reporting, and technical guidance regarding the [] were provided OCI, OSI, DD/P and NSA during April.

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recommending that this activity be covered specifically in IAC Notice IAC-D-38/4, [REDACTED]

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12. Mr. [REDACTED] arrived in [REDACTED] 3 May on TDI to survey military installations for a suitable [REDACTED] Latin-America cruising post.

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13. [REDACTED] construction:

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a. All houses under project DD/I-156-54 were accepted by the [REDACTED] Work on grounds, erosion control, and parking areas is in progress.

b. The storage quonset building at [REDACTED] is virtually completed.

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c. Installation of an underground connection to the island power system is 90 per cent complete.

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[REDACTED] into the second floor center section head house of [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] will occupy the new head house space, and re-allocations will be made in wings H, I and J to provide more space for the [REDACTED] Branch and the headquarters staff.

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15. Personnel:

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a. Eighty [REDACTED] employees received notification of membership in the CIA Career Staff in the initial group.

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b. A review of editorial recruiting indicates an insufficient number of applicants to fill anticipated vacancies. In order to exploit all possible sources, [REDACTED] was requested to recruit editors locally in cooperation with the Agency field recruiting officer. Arrangements will be made for local testing of applicants, and for interviews by Chief, [REDACTED]

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c. [REDACTED] was accepted for the Army War College course commencing in August, 1955.

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d. Four employees entered on duty, two transferred, and one was separated during April. Classified on duty strength 30 April was 337, eight under ceiling. Eleven applicants are in process.

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16. On 27 April an official party from the [redacted]

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[redacted], a principal assistant, visited the [redacted]

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[redacted] They were accompanied by [redacted] and others, and were briefed on [redacted] operations by [redacted] in the French language. A memorandum of appreciation was received from Chief, FI/STD.

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17. In cooperation with RECD/OL a telephone survey was conducted on [redacted] presently installed telephone service, and three lines were released to the Telephone Section.

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18. Chief, [redacted] has visited the [redacted]

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[redacted] to date on his current field inspection trip.

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Enclosures:

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I. [redacted] Production.

II. Personnel Supplement.